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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 9, 2014

DATE: August 12, 2014

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ken Retterath, Interim Director, Department of Social Services
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THROUGH: Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a grant award in the amount of [\$277,472, no County match] in Federal Adoption Incentive funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 to assist the Department of Social Services with the Adoption Program and authorize the Department to expend up to \$10,000 to sponsor four adoption day celebrations per year, one per quarter to include the purchase of refreshments, decorations, public awareness, and costs of photographs and video recordings of the adoption hearings; and authorize the Department to expend the grant revenue and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

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County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 11, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to receive a re-award of \$74,240 in Federal Adoption Incentive Funds.

AGENDA ITEM # 12

On June 11, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Department's request to receive \$467,000 and a re-award of \$100,122 in Federal Adoption Incentive Funds.

In April 2012, the Board authorized the Department to accept \$225,877 in Federal Adoption Incentive Funds. In March 2011, the Board authorized the Department to accept \$85,567 in Federal Adoption Incentive Funds. In May 2010, the Board authorized the Department to sponsor four adoption day celebrations per year retroactively to February 2010. In November 2009, the Board authorized the Department to accept \$3,016 in additional Federal Adoption Incentive Funds. In September 2009, the Board authorized the Department to accept \$22,046 in Federal Adoption Incentive Funds which was a correction in the amount authorized in April 2009. In April 2009, the Board authorized the Department of Social Services to accept \$21,229 in Federal Adoption Incentive Funds. In May 2008, the Board authorized the Department of Social Services to accept \$38,540 in Federal Adoption Incentive Funds. In October of 2006, the Board authorized the Department to accept \$199,716 in Federal Adoption Incentive Funds. In March 2005, the Board authorized the Department to accept \$72,800; and in October 2004, the Board approved the Department to accept \$5,000 in Federal Adoption Incentive Funds.

BACKGROUND

DCFS was awarded Federal Adoption Incentive Funding to support child welfare efforts in the area of foster care, adoption recruitment, and training. These funds may be utilized for services to children and families awaiting adoption, post adoption services, and specialized recruitment and training for the adoption program.

In November 2003, the Department of Social Services held the first local Adoption Day celebration in conjunction with National Adoption Day. In November 2004, the Department expanded the celebration to include a reception for adoptive families. The success of Adoption Day has grown with each event becoming more popular than the previous celebration. Washoe County Social Services is planning to launch a media campaign to highlight adoption and the need for adoptive homes in our community.

In fiscal year 2014 the Department of Social Services finalized 117 adoptions and in fiscal year 2013 the Department finalized 111 adoptions.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Washoe County Department of Social Services
Adoption Program.

Scope of the Project: The Federal Adoption Incentive Funds are awarded in support of child welfare efforts in the areas of foster care, adoption recruitment and training. Social Services plans to use these funds to assist with travel and transition costs for adoptive placement, post placement supervision in other states, foster and adoptive recruitment and finalization activities to include food and beverages, staff professional development, post adoption services, assistance with non-Medicaid covered medical

expenses and media campaign to highlight adoption and the need for adoptive homes in our community.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: This program allows children to find permanent adoptive homes reducing the number of children in foster care in Washoe County.

On-Going Program Support: None

Award Amount: \$277,472

Grant Period: October 1, 2014 through
September 30, 2015.

Funding Source: Department of Health & Human Services
Administration for Children & Families

Pass through From: State of Nevada
Division of Child and Family Services

CFDA Number: 93.603

Grant ID Number: AI-13-012

Match Amount and Type: Not required.

Indirect Cost Rate (applicable to the award):

Grant's recoverable indirect cost rate:

- ☐ Indirect costs are fully recoverable
☒ Sponsor does not allow for indirect cost recovery
☐ Sponsor has limited indirect cost recovery at ____ %
☐ Sponsor requires indirect Cost Rate Approved by Cognizant Agency

Special Terms & Conditions: None.

Sub-Awards and Contracts: None.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this grant award, the Department's FY15 adopted budget will be increased annually by \$277,472 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
11189	431100	\$277,472
11189	710100	\$130,000
11189	710105	\$30,000
11189	710509	\$12,000
11189	710710	\$10,000

11189	710712	\$65,472
11189	711210	\$10,000
11189	711213	\$20,000

A budget amendment is required by the Comptroller's Office as identified above. There is no Federal match required for this award and we do not charge indirect costs to this grant.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "move to accept a grant award in the amount of [\$277,472, no County match] in Federal Adoption Incentive funds from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 to assist the Department of Social Services with the Adoption Program and authorize the Department to expend up to \$10,000 to sponsor four adoption day celebrations per year, one per quarter to include the purchase of refreshments, decorations, public awareness, and costs of photographs and video recordings of the adoption hearings; and authorize the Department to expend the grant revenue and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments."